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TRIVIA!

1). In 1950, the USAF, transferred over to the British Royal Air Force (RAF), the first of seventy B-29



"Superfortresses" – by what name did the RAF refer to these aircraft by?

- a) The Washington
- b) The Roosevelt
- c) The Churchill
- d) The Elizabeth



2). 21 March 1962, a Black Bear was used in the successful test of the B-58's new escape capsule; what was this bear's name?



- a) Boo-Boo
- b) Ham
- c) Barry
- d) Yogi

Email your answers to: 37trw.ho@lackland.af.mil

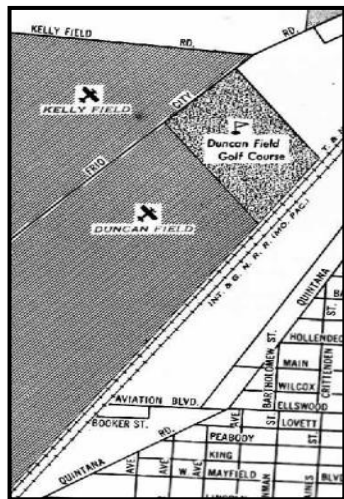
Winners will be selected randomly & awarded a prize!

Feb '09 winner is: A1C William R. Thornton

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WINNER'S PRIZE: FREE MOVIE PASSES!

Combining resources make smooth flying!



March 1943, pressured by the growing airpower needs of WWII & keeping air traffic congestion under control – the federal government consolidated Kelly & Duncan Field into one entity under the name Kelly Field. By the end of WWII, this unification in aircraft and airpower within Kelly Field, led to Kelly Field playing a critical role in the formation the United States' post-war airpower.



March's Featured Team Lackland unit:



The 37th Civil Engineer Squadron finds its operational home in the 37th Mission Support Group and can trace their lineage to the 37th Installations Squadron on 3 Mar 1953. The squadron was deactivated on 25 Jun 1953, and later in 1966 was redesignated and activated as the 37th Civil Engineering

Squadron. Following the orders of inactivation and re-activation in 1992 and 1993, on 1 March 1994, the squadron was redesignated as the 37th Civil Engineer Squadron.

The 37th Civil Engineer Squadron is responsible for maintaining all of the Lackland AFB property – a massive endeavor consisting of 9,500 acres of land, 177 miles of roads and 2,071 facilities and in doing so provides security in engineering, environmental protection and readiness in support of Lackland's vast array of missions

Motto:

"Pride, Excellence, Teamwork ... Leadership Starts Here!"

Historical Tidbit: The USAF Flag



Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenburg formally approved the Miss Dorothy G. Gatchell's design of the USAF flag in late March of 1951. Miss Gatchell's design of the USAF flag consisted of the coat of arms, the Air Force Seal, 13 white

stars – representing the 13 original colonies, the two predominant colors of ultramarine blue and gold reference the USAF's official colors. On 26 March 1951, President Harry S. Truman officially adopted the USAF flag, publicly unveiling it for the first time on the 31st of the same month.

??LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR AF KNOWLEDGE??

Make a stop at your local 37th TRW Office of History & Research for a chat with your Wing Historian & a copy of "Hoyt S. Vandenberg: The Life of a General" by Phillip S. Meilinger!!

Dedicated to Honor:



Commissioned on 5 June 1928, Major General Wilford F. Hall joined the Medical Reserve as a first lieutenant, beginning his lifelong commitment to the United States military and to the field of medicine. His service moved him to numerous posts, including in the European Theater during WWII. The USAF posthumously

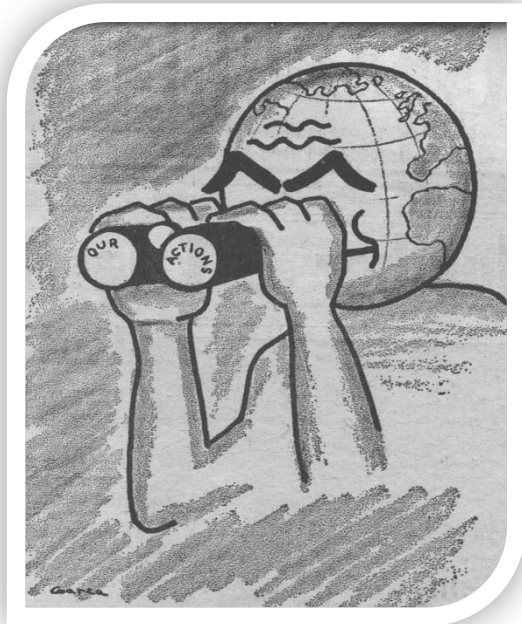
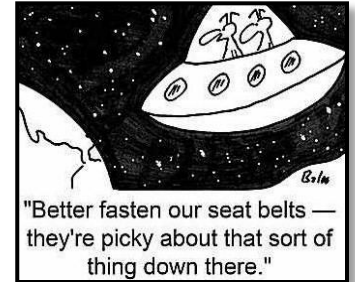
honored, Major General Hall for his lifelong service to the United States on 2 March 1963, with the dedication of the foremost Air Force Medical Center that was redesignated formally as Wilford Hall USAF Hospital (later known as Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in 1969).

This Month in History...



- 1951: Lackland officials launched "Operation Tradition" to acquaint recruits with the traditions and history of the Air Force
- 1951: The first all WAF military band was created under the 534rd AF Band
- 1968: Lackland began a telephone system upgrade that enabled an off base caller to reach directly an on base phone – thereby bypassing the operator!

- 1973: The first Coast Guard students entered training for Law Enforcement Specialists
- 1982: It became mandatory on Lackland AFB to always wear a seat belt.
- 1981: 37th Tactical Fighter Wing was assigned to the 831st Air Division "Defenders of Crossroads"



Did you know that the 37th TRW Office of History & Research as a MYSFACE for the BMT Flight Photo Project? Ha, we sure do: to check it out click [here!](#) ALSO; Find us on our FACEBOOK GROUP!



Archived; Lackland Talespinner Cartoons; March, 1960



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USAF Basic Military Training Flight Photograph Project:

www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil

"Aviation is a fine sport; but as an instrument of war; it is worthless"

-General Ferdinand Foch,
Professor of Strategy Ecole Superiure de Guerre,
1911.